

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1681
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27TH JULY, 2018**

USE OF CARBETOCIN DRUG INSTEAD OF BANNED OXYTOCIN

1681. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether as per a study by the World Health Organisation a new formulation of a drug called Carbetocin can be a replacement of oxytocin during child birth;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to pilot the usage of aforesaid drug formulation in public health system and roll out the same in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a) & (b): According to a study led by the World Health Organisation (WHO), an alternative drug, Carbetocin has been found to be as safe and effective as Oxytocin. Currently, WHO recommends Oxytocin as the first choice drug for preventing postpartum haemorrhage (bleeding after childbirth).

However, availability of carbetocin does not eliminate the need for Oxytocin in facility births. Oxytocin is needed for labour induction and augmentation apart from treatment of postpartum haemorrhage.

(c): No.

(d): As Oxytocin has not been banned, it will continue to be available in the country for therapeutic purposes.

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